guggal (Boswellia serrata) and pipil (pipel longum) and Adusa. (adhatoda Vasaka) have also been completed. Data has also been generated aod botanical standarisa-tion done for 92 singl j drug':,. Notable ones are Jivanti, Nagkesera, Plaksha, CSIR has alw developed and -itandardised successfully a cervical dilator (isaptjnt fram isangcl seed husk for dilation of cervix Mr to iTudica. termini[1] ion of '.vef.ua r.cy tad a lipid lowering agent from **guggal** resin).

Recommendations of the Conference of Chief Election Officers

415. SHRI LAL K. ADVANI: SHRl ASHWANI KUMAR;

Will the Miniter of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) the recommendation of 'he conference of Chief Election Officers held recently at Ooty regarding electoral reforms:

(b) whether the Election Commission had ,->n viojiily forwarded to Government about 90-odd proposals for electoral reforms; if so, what are the details thereof:

(c) what action has be%n taken on the rest of the preposals of the Ooty conference; and

(d) *what* is Government's decision on MCh of OM 90 odd proposals that it had from 'he Election Commission in 1982?

THE MMISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI HANS RAJ BHARDWAJ): (a) The required information is given in the Statement attached *(SSe* below).

(b> and (d) The proposal received from Election Commission earlier has been laid on the Table of the Rajya Sabha in reply to Unstarred Question No. 104 on 4-10-S2. Before the proposals could be considered and decided upon ihe General Elections of 1984 inteivened. However one of the major proposals was to ban defections of legislatures from one Political party to another w*i;h was implemented by 52nd Constitutional Amendment. The Election Commission reviewed other proposals in the light of the further experience gained in the said election and re-formulated the proposals according to priority. These proposals are under active consideration. No final decision has been tsii.cn on them so far.

(c) The Conference of Chief Electoral Officers has made several other recommendations having a bearing on one aspect or another of the conduct of elections like preparation and perservation of electoral rolls programme for intensive/summary re" vision procedure for appointment of counting agents, setting up of candidates camps near the polling stations inspection of offices of District Election Officers etc.. As per the usual procedure the Election Commission will initiate necessary steps for processing the recommendations further.

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R'vnmmeiula'ions of the Conference of Chief Electoral Officers held in Ooty in August, 1986 *regarding Electoral perform.')*

In reply to part (a) of the Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 415 for answer on 15-11-1988.

L *Multipurpose identity rtirds:*

A scheme of multipurpose iden fy cards on the pattern of a passport with each page being used for ., particular purpose may be introduced in one or more States On an experimental basis.

2 *Date of Elections-.*

As far as possible, general elecfloils to the Lok Sabha and State Assemblies whose terms are expiring within a span of six months, may be held together without any necessity for a State Governmen' to dissolve the Assembly to bring it in line for a simultaneous election

In order to achiev,, the Constitutional mandate of biennial retirements i$_n$ Upper Houses a specific scheme for dividing the seats in the Upper Houses in certain categories and for providing that members

elected or, as the case may be, nominated to those seats should held office upto specified dates, should be evolved.

3- *Polling boofhwise counting:*

The present systems of counting of votes booth-wise need not be changed.....

4. *Election Expenses:*

There should be a satutory restriction on the election expenses of a candidate; the present ceiling is unrealistic. The Re-presentation of People Act, 1951, should be amended suitably.

5. *Model code of conduct:*

(a) A;nbit of model code of conduct should be amplified to bring within its limit, even the use of personnel. vehicles, (including aircrafts) rest houses etc. of the public undertaking so as to prohibit their misuse at the time of election. (b) All the transfers made six months before the date of normal expiry of the erm of the Lok Snbha/St.ite Legislative Assembly should be subject to the scrutiny of Election Commission.

6- *Election Commission:*

The existing- system of single member Commission should be continued for smooth functioning and quick decisions.

7. *Observers:*

Continuance of the present system of nopointin;? observers without any necessity for clothing them wth statutory powers was favoirred.

8. *Delimitation of constituencies:*

Article 82 and 170(3) of the Constitution may be so amended that while the total number of seats allotted to various States in the House of the People and in the Legislative Assemblies may remain unaltered, delimitation of constituencies after eveiy decennial rensus should be undertaken. Rotation of seats reserved for Scheduled Castes so that no constituency remained reserved for long was also favoured.

9- *Applictit.on of indelible ink at Council election:*

The election law should be suitably amended for introducing the procedure of applying indelible ink to elections for Council Constituencies.

10. *Countermanding of elections on ac count of death of any Independent candidate.*

It was decided that law be got amended so that the election may not be countermanded on the death of an independent candidate.

11. *Electronic Voting Machines-.*

Electronic voting machines should be introduced all over the country as early as possible.

12. *Prob/em of non-serious candidates.*

Stringent action should be taken for discouraging such persons from entering the election fray

Leakage o; heavy water in MAPP at Kalpakkam

416. SHRl M VINCENT: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whethe,- the heavy water leak in MAPP at Kalpakkam had any radiation effects during the month of Sept*ember, 1988;

(b) if so, what was the extent of area affected and the strength of radiation that was noticed; and

(c) if the answer to part (b) above be in negative, vhat happened to the heavy water which leaked from its home, the insulating cell?

THE MINISTER OF STATE, IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECH-NOLOGY AND THT. MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVE-LOPMENT. ATOMIC ENERGY ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) No, sir.